

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho has experienced severe winter weather emergencies in the past, and scientific evidence indicates the state remains vulnerable to winter weather emergencies in the future; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our state need to prepare themselves to be self-sufficient for at least three days following any natural or man-made disaster; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property damage can be greatly reduced if appropriate winter weather preparedness measures are taken before, during, and after a winter weather emergency; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and state employees should be prepared so they can continue to provide essential public services after a winter weather emergency, and support the state's disaster response and recovery mission; and

WHEREAS, the importance of practicing winter weather preparedness will be highlighted during the month of October as the Department of Homeland Security, and city and county emergency management agencies throughout the state promote winter weather awareness; and

WHEREAS, the states of Oregon and Washington will also partner with the State of Idaho and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in winter weather preparedness efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 3 through 9, 2004, to be

WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-first day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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